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(54) Title: CANCER ASSOCIATED PROTEIN PHOSPHATASES AND THEIR USES

(57) Abstract: Detection of expression of the provided phosphatases in cancers is useful as a diagnostic, for determining the effectiveness of drugs, and for determining patient prognosis. The encoded polypeptides further provide a target for screening pharmaceutical agents effective in inhibiting the growth or metastasis of tumor cells. The present invention further provides methods and compositions relating to agents that specifically bind to MKPX, PTP4A1, PTPN7, FEM-2, DKFZP566K0524 or FLJ20313 for treatment and visualization of tumors in patients.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. [X] Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

Although claims 7-11, 17-27, 37-40 and 43-59 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body by therapy, diagnosis and surgery, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

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1. [ ] As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.

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1-59 (part)

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[ ] No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-59(part)

Inventions relying on the polypeptide having the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:1 or on the nucleic acid sequence comprising the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2; methods of screening for biologically active agents that modulate a cancer associated phosphatase function; methods for diagnosis of cancer; methods for inhibiting the growth of a cancer cell; methods of screening for targets of a cancer associated phosphatase; methods to treat a tumour; compounds for the treatment of a tumour; methods for visualizing a tumour in a patient

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2. claims: 1-59(part)

Inventions relying on the polypeptide having the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:3 or on the nucleic acid sequence comprising the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:4; methods of screening for biologically active agents that modulate a cancer associated phosphatase function; methods for diagnosis of cancer; methods for inhibiting the growth of a cancer cell; methods of screening for targets of a cancer associated phosphatase; methods to treat a tumour; compounds for the treatment of a tumour; methods for visualizing a tumour in a patient

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3. claims: 1-59(part)

Inventions relying on the polypeptide having the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:5 or on the nucleic acid sequence comprising the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:6; methods of screening for biologically active agents that modulate a cancer associated phosphatase function; methods for diagnosis of cancer; methods for inhibiting the growth of a cancer cell; methods of screening for targets of a cancer associated phosphatase; methods to treat a tumour; compounds for the treatment of a tumour; methods for visualizing a tumour in a patient

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4. claims: 1-59(part)

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Inventions relying on the polypeptide having the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:7 or on the nucleic acid sequence comprising the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:8; methods of screening for biologically active agents that modulate a cancer associated phosphatase function; methods for diagnosis of cancer; methods for inhibiting the growth of a cancer cell; methods of screening for targets of a cancer associated phosphatase; methods to treat a tumour; compounds for the treatment of a tumour; methods for visualizing a tumour in a patient

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5. claims: 1-59(part)

Inventions relying on the polypeptide having the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:9 or on the nucleic acid sequence comprising the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:10; methods of screening for biologically active agents that modulate a cancer associated phosphatase function; methods for diagnosis of cancer; methods for inhibiting the growth of a cancer cell; methods of screening for targets of a cancer associated phosphatase; methods to treat a tumour; compounds for the treatment of a tumour; methods for visualizing a tumour in a patient

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6. claims: 1-59(part)

Inventions relying on the polypeptide having the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:11 or on the nucleic acid sequence comprising the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:12; methods of screening for biologically active agents that modulate a cancer associated phosphatase function; methods for diagnosis of cancer; methods for inhibiting the growth of a cancer cell; methods of screening for targets of a cancer associated phosphatase; methods to treat a tumour; compounds for the treatment of a tumour; methods for visualizing a tumour in a patient

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